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Atty. Dkt. No. 2685/5434 (2000-0093)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
Thomas Joseph Killian

**Serial No.: 09/846,917**

**Confirmation No.: 4661**

**Filed: May 1, 2001**

**For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
MANAGING MULTIPLE NETWORKS  
OVER A SET OF PORTS**

**Group Art Unit: 2616**

**Examiner: Kevin D Mew**

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 17, 2006**

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 17, 2006 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 17, 2007, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although the Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/ATT2000-0093, for any fees, including the extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.